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REMARKS

Claims 1-31 are pending in the application. In the Office Action, the Examiner required election as between the following allegedly distinct inventions:

Group I. Claims 1-8;
Group II. Claims 9-18; and
Group III. Claims 19-31.

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In response, Applicants hereby elect with traverse to prosecute Group III, claims 19-31.

Applicants respectfully submit that the Examiner has stated as one reason for restriction is that Group I and III are allegedly combination and sub-combination. Since both are similarly classified in 705/401, Applicants respectfully submit that searching both Groups would not appear to be an undue burden and respectfully request removal of the restriction requirement.

Conclusion Of Remarks

If the Examiner believes that additional issues may be resolved by a telephone interview, the Examiner is respectfully urged to telephone the undersigned attorney for Applicant at (203) 924-3180.

Authorization

No fee is believed due with this Communication. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for the response or credit any overpayment to the Pitney Bowes, Inc. Deposit Account Number 16-1885, Order No. S-215.

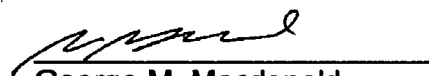
In the event that an extension of time or additional extension of time is required to make this response timely filed, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time that is required to make this response timely. The Commissioner

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is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to the Pitney Bowes, Inc. Deposit Account Number 16-1885, Order No. S-215.

Respectfully submitted,



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